

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Applicant : Stephane BEJANIN, et al.

Appl. No. : 09/992,095

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Title : **HUMAN CDNAS AND PROTEINS
AND USES THEREOF.**

Grp./A.U. : 1645

Examiner : Unassigned

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered prior to the initiation of examination of the above-identified application on the merits.

In the Claims:***Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice.******Please add new claims 14-52 as follows:***

14. (New) An isolated Plasminute polynucleotide, wherein said polynucleotide encodes the polypeptide consisting of amino acids 1 to 207 of SEQ ID NO:54 or a polypeptide fragment thereof.
15. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 14, wherein said polypeptide fragment comprises amino acids 1 to 207 of SEQ ID NO:54.
16. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 14, wherein said polypeptide or polypeptide fragment thereof has biological activity.